

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable claims is noted with appreciation. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims Amendments/Status

By way of this reply, independent claim 1 is amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 7 and the intervening claim 6, and claims 6-7 are canceled accordingly. Also, independent claim 11 is amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 16 and the intervening claim 15, and claims 15-16 are canceled accordingly. Claims 22-25 have been amended to depend from claim 1. No new matter has been introduced through these amendments. Claims 1-5, 8-14, and 17-25 are currently pending in the present application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

1. Claims 1-5, 8-15, and 18-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0068564 ("Gustavsson") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2008/0125168 ("Glazko") and U.S. Patent No. 7,340,251 ("McClure"). This rejection is traversed for the reasons presented below.

As noted above, independent claim 1 is amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 7 and the intervening claim 6, and independent claim 11 is amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 16 and the intervening claim 15. Therefore, claims 1 and 11 are now in condition for allowance. Claims depending therefrom are also allowable for at least the same reasons. As such, claims 22-25, which have been amended to depend from claim 1, are also in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

2. Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gustavsson, Glazko, and McClure in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,711,144 ("Kim"). This rejection is traversed for the reasons presented below.

Claim 6 depends from independent claim 1. As noted above, independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claim 6 is also allowable for at least the same reason. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicants' attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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